

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 5, 2003

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Benedict Kuehne Sale & Kuehne, P.A. Bank of America Tower, Ste. 3550 100 S.E. 2nd Street Miami, FL 33131-2154

RE: MUR 5389 (Jose Casal)

Dear Mr. Kuehne:

Thank you for your October 24, 2003 letter requesting a 20-day extension of time. To date, I have not received a signed Statement of Designation of Counsel indicating that you are counsel for Mr. Casal in this matter. However, based on your representations both in your letter and in our telephone conversation on October 22, 2003, the Office of General Counsel conditionally grants your request for a 20-day extension with the understanding that you will forward a signed Statement of Designation of Counsel by November 18, 2003. In addition to the designation form, you may also submit any materials you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter by that date.

If we do not receive a signed Statement of Designation of Counsel by November 18, 2003, we will conclude that you do not represent Mr. Casal and proceed accordingly. Please note that because conciliation negotiations prior to a finding of probable cause to believe are limited to a period of 30 days, conciliation negotiations in this matter must be concluded by December 3, 2003.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Jesse B. Christensen

Attorney